

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICES)	
AND THE FUNDING PROCESS FOR THE)	ADMINISTRATIVE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICE)	CASE NO. 357
AND THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICES)	
FOR THE DEAF PROGRAMS)	

O R D E R

Telecommunications Relay Service ("TRS") was established for Kentucky in 1991 in Administrative Case No. 333.¹ AT&T was awarded a contract which expires April 16, 1996. Funding is provided through a surcharge collected by all Local Exchange Carriers.

A surcharge funding mechanism was also established for the distribution of telecommunications devices for the deaf ("TDDs") in Administrative Case No. 352.² The Commission's January 19, 1995 Order stated at page 7, "[a] proceeding shall be established in the near future to review the funding mechanism for the TRS and TDD program."

Accordingly, the Commission, on its own motion, establishes this case to investigate alternatives to the current method of providing TRS for Kentucky. If no alternative is reasonable, the

¹ Administrative Case No. 333, Establishment of Telecommunications Relay Service for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities in Kentucky

² Administrative Case No. 352, Establishment of TDD Distribution Program for Deaf, Hard-of Hearing and Speech-Impaired persons in Kentucky

Commission will continue to solicit a vendor or vendors for the future. Also, the funding mechanism associated with providing TRS and TDDs will be reviewed.

All interested parties may appear at an informal conference on November 20, 1995 to discuss any alternatives for TRS and the funding mechanism for the TRS and TDD distribution programs.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. This case shall be established for the purpose of investigating alternatives for the TRS and a funding mechanism for TRS and TDD distribution programs.

2. An informal conference shall be held on November 20, 1995 at 9:00 a.m. E.S.T. in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 730 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky.

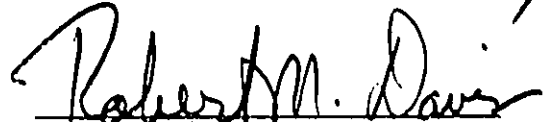
3. All persons served copies of the Commission's Orders in Administrative Case No. 333 and Administrative Case No. 352 shall be served a copy of this Order.

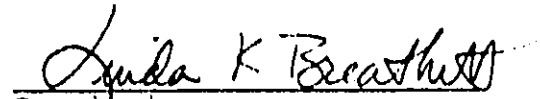
4. A summary of any comments to be presented at the informal conference shall be filed by November 13, 1995.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 30th day of October, 1995.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director